

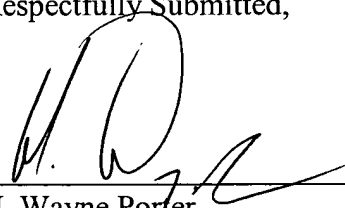
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-39 are pending. Claims 9-38 have been allowed. Claims 1-8 and 39 stand rejected. Applicants herein cancel claims 1-8 and 39 without prejudice to further pursue such claims in one or more continuation applications.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed number.

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